

Riding high on a scenic chairlift



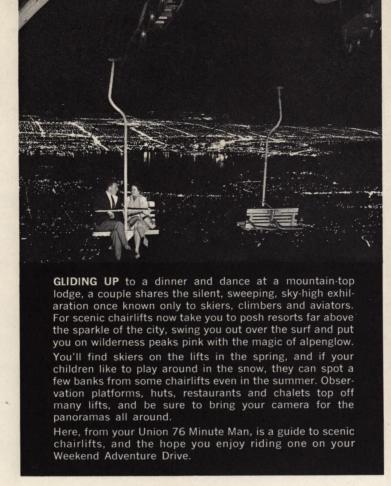




Sealed in a steel and glass bubble, children (and their parents) ride out over the ocean at an amusement park. Mountain tramways offer similar cabs, closed against the weather but open to the view—some big enough for 80 passengers with picnic baskets and knapsacks. Towers, cables and power involve impressive engineering and construction.

Dangling from a thin steel cable and jiggling a bit as it rattles through the tower rollers, a chairlift offers you an exciting ride even without the scenery. Return downhill adds exaggerated sense of height.







Spring snows and patches of ice often linger on the slopes you can reach on a scenic chairlift even above the desert. Hikers and fishermen use the lifts to start into the back country; strollers can ride the lift up, walk down amid the view.

Getting off a ski lift in the summertime you usually get help with the chair. Lift runs at slow speed, sometimes makes full stop—with no snow to give you a quick-sliding exit.







Dining on wild blueberries along a ridge or full-course dinners at a chalet, you'll find food for an outdoor appetite at the top of many summer chairlifts. Check at the base of the lift for weather conditions above—you might need jackets in the wind, or dark glasses in the brilliant sunshine.

SCENIC CHAIRLIFTS IN WASHINGTON AND OREGON



WASHINGTON

1) Vancouver (B.C.)

Two chairlifts, one above the other, take you up Grouse Mountain for a panorama of the city, its harbor, the Fraser River delta and farmlands plus the peaks of Vancouver Island, the coast range and the Olympics. You'll find a chalet at the top, with cafeeria, dining room and dancing—an extra of the moonlight ride high above the sparkle of Vancouver. Cross the Lions Gate Bridge, turn right and follow the signs. The lift runs from mid-morning to midnight, costs \$2 for adults, \$1 for children.

(2) Mount Baker

A chairlift 4000 feet long to the top of mile-high Panorama Dome, with "postcard" views of Mt. Baker, Mt. Shuksan, their glaciers and the surrounding alpine peaks. Skiing even in July, blueberries in August and brilliant heather in September. Fall hiking around Artist's Point, Table Mountain and Chain Lakes. The lift costs \$1 for adults, 75 cents for children.

(3) Snoqualmie Pass

An electric double-chair lift into the "heart of the Cascades" an hour east of Seattle. Restaurant at the top, dining hall down below. Lift operates on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., costs \$1.25 for adults and 50 cents for children.

(4) Crystal Mountain

A new lift into the Cascades 38 miles east of Enumclaw, with an unobstructed view of Mt. Rainier from the White River leyel up to the summit—you look right across at the Emmons Glacier. Lift operates on occasion weekends, costs \$2; call MU 2-5600 in Seattle for confirmation.

(5) White Pass (cover photo)

A double-chair lift up
Pigtail Peak to the crest of
the Cascades, with Mt. Rainier
suddenly looming only an
"arm's length" away. Summer
rides start in July, run daily
from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., cost
\$1.50 for adults, \$1 for
children.

OREGON

6 Mt. Hood

The mile-long chairlift above Timberline-Lodge carries sightseers and skiers all summer long. You pay 75 cents each way, so you might prefer to walk down—picnicking, picking huckleberries and taking in the Cascade peaks and forests for hundreds of miles.

(7) Bachelor Butte

A half-hour west of Bend off the Cascades Lakes Highway, this double-chair lift takes you to the 7,700-foot level—and offers views of jagged Broken Top Mountain and the spectacular Three Sisters. Summer rides start on the Fourth of July "long weekend," continue Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m., cost \$1 round-trip.

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